Foreign visits made by the Vice-Chancellors of Central University

2948. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visits made by the Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities to foreign countries during the last three years alongwith the names of these countries;

(b) what was the purpose of these visits and how many of these visits were private; and

(c) what is the total amount of money sanctioned by Government for these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rajdhani Express

2949. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Calcutta bound Rajdhani Express is being considered to be one of the best trains run by Indian Railways throughout the country;

(b) whether despite its reputation, the Rajdhani Express for Calcutta which started from its terminal New Delhi station on the 23rd January, 1988, without filling water in the tanks of majority of the coaches;

(c) whether any complaints to this effect was received by Government direct or through complaint book provided in the running trains; if so, the details of action taken in the matter and the names of the persons found responsible for defaming the name of train as well as of Railways; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take so that such incidents are not repeated not only in the Rajdhani Express but in all trains run by Indian Railways?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Four passengers of Coach No. 1201A complained about the sealed doors of lavatories 1 &2 of the above coach. The complaint is being investigated.

(d) There are well established common all Indian standards for cleanliness and safety of coaches. These standards cover activities starting from trip schedule to workshop overhaul. These activities are checked and double checked by supervisors and officers, specially so for the prestigious trains.

आयुर्वेद रत्न और वैद्य विशारद की परीक्षाओं को भारतीय चिकित्सा परिषद् द्वारा मान्यता दिया जाना

2950. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिन्दी साहित्य सम्मेलन, प्रयाग द्वारा संचालित आयुर्वेद रत्न तथा वैद्य विशारद परीक्षाओं को भारतीय चिकित्सा केन्द्रीय परिषद द्वारा मान्यता दी गई है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार उन्हें फिर से मान्यता देने पर विचार कर रही हैं ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) (क) हिन्दी साहित्य सम्मेलन, प्रयाग द्वारा प्रदान की जाने वाली "आयुर्वेदरत्न" और "वैद्य विशारद" अर्हताओं को भारतीय चिकित्सा केन्द्रीय परिषद अधिनियम, 1970 की दूसरी अनुसूची में शामिल किया गया था और केवल 1931 से 1967 तक की अवधि के लिए मान्यता प्रदान की गई थी।

(ख) और (ग) इन अर्हताओं को 1967 के बाद भी मान्य रखने के प्रश्न पर भारतीय चिकित्सा केन्द्रीय परिषद द्वारा 1983 में विचार किया गया था। परिषद ने पाया कि न तो पाठ्यक्रम के लिए कोई मानक थे और न ही उम्मीदवारों के लिए कोई नियमित संस्थागत प्रशिक्षण की व्यवस्था थी। यही नहीं, यह पाठ्यक्रम प्राइवेट उम्मीदवारों के लिए भी खुला हुआ था और परीक्षाएं प्राइवेट केन्द्रों में आयोजित की जाती थी।

इस बात को देखते हुए परिषद ने यथास्थिति बनाए रखने का निर्णय लिया।

Appointment of Labour Welfare Inspectors in D.T.C.

2951. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Labour Welfare Inspectors were appointed in 1984 by Delhi Transport Corporation on ad hoc basis had not been confirmed while Labour Welfare Officers were appointed and confirmed Officers given promotion in contravention of Government rules;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof;

(c) whether in their old post, Labour Welfare Inspectors then have got promotion by now if they could have been regularised; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not confirming them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The posts of Labour Welfare Inspectors were created on *ad-hoc* basis and accordingly the appointment of the individuals was also on *ad-hoc* basis, whereas in case of Labour Welfare Officers, the posts were in existence and the vacancies were filled up by appointing individuals on officiating/probation basis, and on completion of their probation/officiating period, they were confirmed in the said post, in accordance with the Rules.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Since there was ban on creation of new posts on regular basis, the posts of Labour Welfare Inspectors were created only on short term basis. This ban on creating posts still continues.

Navodaya Schools in Orissa

2952. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Navodaya Schools functioning in Orissa at present and the total number of students reading in the said schools;

(b) whether Government propose to open more Navodaya Schools in Orissa during 1988-89; and

(c) if so, what are the names of places where these schools are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Eleven Navodaya Vidyalayas are at present functioning in Orissa. The total number of students studying in five Navodaya Vidyalayas started in 1986-87 is 351. The same information for eleven Vidyalayas for the year